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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of Vonderwalde et al.

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For: STENT WITH COVER CONNECTORS

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Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In further response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2002 having a response due by December 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 1-10, 12-15, 52, 54, 55 and 56.

Please amend claim 49 and 53 to read as follows:

(Twide Amended) The stent assembly of claim 53 wherein the stent 49. cover is secured to the body of the stent by undulations of the second ring section which extend over a second end portion of the stent cover.

53.

(Amended) A stent assembly, comprising: